

**REGULAR MEETING MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
JULY 8, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building. At 7:00 p.m. the Town Council toured the Community Center Site Project with the Town Manager, Assistant to the Manager, Director of Parks and Recreation and the Construction Manager, Ken Boutin.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Martin, Thorkelson

Absent: Schaefer (is ill), Bellm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of June 24, 2002 as presented.

So passed unanimously. Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

No action needed to be taken.

2. Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project-Small Town Economic Assistance Program

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Haddad seconded to approve the resolution as presented by Town Staff authorizing the Town Manager to submit an application in the amount of \$500,000 for the Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project, to the Fiscal Year 2001/2002 Small Town Economic Assistance Program administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

So passed unanimously.

3. Community Center Operations and Administration-Action Plan Summary

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the action plan summary to develop and establish the operations and administration of the Community Center, as presented by Town staff,

with the exception of item 6, which will involve all advisory boards and committees who show any interest in the community out-reach organization of the Community Center.

Motion so passed unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pending Claims and Litigation-Quarterly Status Report

No action needed to be taken.

2. Maple Road Reconstruction Right-of-way Agreement

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to authorize the Town Manager to execute an Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Mansfield for Rights of Way Activities in conjunction with Urban Systems Improvements for acquisition of Property for the Reconstruction of Maple Road.

Motion so passed. Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

3. Classification of Assistant Town Manager Position

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to authorize the creation of the position of Assistant Town Manager within the Town of Mansfield Classification Plan and to set the pay grade for that position at grade 23 of the Town Administrators Pay Plan.

Motion so passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

No comments.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Personnel Committee will meet in Executive Session this evening.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Mayor reported that she and Mr. Fred A. Cazal, Jr., Chairman of the 300th Celebration Committee rode in the Boombox Parade on July 4, 2002 in Willimantic. The Mansfield display included trucks from the Stearn's family, the 300th Birthday Cake and the Mayor's car.

IX. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager discussed item #7 from CCM on the impact of the State Budget upon the budget for the Town of Mansfield. The difference is approximately \$96,000 less from

the figures presented by the Town Manager. The Town Manager feels that this amount can be covered next year.

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) has appointed the Town Manager to a Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens and Smart Growth Incentives.

The Town has been approved for a \$35,000 Rural Business Cooperative Service Rural Business Enterprise Grant to fund the downtown revitalization and enhancement study.

The Separatist Road well testing has found nothing different from previous testing. UConn has done three rounds of testing and may have some suggestions for improvements. Town staff will work with the neighbors on this issue.

The Town/Gown meeting will meet on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Maple Road drainage project will begin this week and continue for the rest of the summer.

The U.S. Coast Guard Concert was held on Saturday, June 29, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. It was well attended and the ice cream social was a tremendous success.

Over 1,000 persons attended the Parks and Recreation Summer Concert at Bicentennial Pond on July 4.

Additional prisoners will be moved into the Bergin Correctional Facility bringing the number from 717 to 920.

The State has gone out to bid on a new calling system for the townspeople needing to be notified when there is an escape from the prison. The present system is 10 years old and needs to be updated.

The Town Manager asked the Council to approve a grant application to NFL regarding the Southeast concession/facility project. The grant will be submitted by staff and then if necessary pulled if not approved by the Council at the next meeting. By consensus the Council agreed.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Martin requested the Eastern Connecticut ballfield lighting system be discussed on the next agenda.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. CCM 2002/03 State Budget: Impact on Mansfield
2. CCM 2002 Annual Convention-"Local Government works"
3. Connecticut Council of Small Towns re: Blue Ribbon Commission on Property Tax Burdens
4. United States Department of Agriculture re: Mansfield's Receipt of Rural Business Enterprise Grant

5. F. Braswell re: Separatist Road Bike Path
6. EHHD Report-"Residential Well Screening Program for Separatist Road Area, Mansfield"
7. DEP re: West Nile Virus Update
8. University of Connecticut 2001 Drinking Water Report

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Martin seconded to go into executive session for a personnel matter.

So passed unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m. the Council came out of executive session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:36 p.m. Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adjourn the Town Council meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk